specific cases and also furnishing of relevant information by the applicants.

Amendment in Explosive Rule, 1983

2756. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to amend the Explosive Rule 1983 in order to give more power to the State Governments for granting permission in regard to blasting in small mines or stone quaries;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be amended; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) At present there is no proposal.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No requests have been received nor need felt by the Government for such an amendment.

Cases of corruption and irregularities in CIL

2757. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY :
SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT :
DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY :
SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN :

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) the number of cases of corruptions and irregularities detected in Coal India Ltd. and in its subsidiaries during the last three years;

(b) the company-wise details thereof; and

(c) the officials found involved in these cases and the punishment awarded to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH) : (a) to (c). Companywise cases of corruption detected in Coal India Ltd. and its subsidiaries, number of officials involved and action taken against them during the period from 1993-94 to 1995-96 are given below :

Company	No. of cases detected from 93-94 to 95-96	No.of officials involved	No. of Officials awarded punishment			Balance Pending	Officials Dropped/ Exonerated
			Major	Minor	Court		
CIL							
(HQ)	16	23	4	12	-	7	-
CMPDIL	11	13	2	2	1	4	4
ECL	67	124	24	1	-	99	-
NCL	4	7	-	7	-	-	-
BCCL	68	105	27	17	-	61	-
CCL	36	89	1	18	-	70	-
WCL	15	33	-	6	-	25	2
SECL	52	113	9	16	-	70	18
MCL	20	37	-	1	-	36	-
Total	289	544	67	80	1	372	24

Bureau of Industrial Cost and Prices

2758. LT. GEN. SHRI PRAKASH MANI TRIPATHI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to convert the Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices into the Tariff Commission;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the final decision is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) to (c). The Government propose to set-up an independent Tariff Commission and the said proposal is under consideration.

Hurdles in Industrial Growth

2759. SHRI SUDHIR GIRI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the main hurdles of industrial growth in the country;

(b) the steps proposed to remove those hurdles;

(c) the reasons for capital formation at a low rate; and

(d) the measures likely to be taken to improve the capital formation to enhance the industrial growth?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) and (b). The overall industrial growth at 9.4% in 1994-95 and 12.1% in 1995-96 is encouraging. However, development of a strong economic infrastructure in sectors like power, transport and communication is considered critical for sustained industrial growth. The Government is already considering extensive application of market mechanism in these sectors through deregulation of production and distribution. Foreign investment in these sectors is also being encouraged to supplement domestic resources.

(c) and (d). The Gross Domestic Capital Formation has increased from Rs. 173331 crores in 1993-94 to Rs.238410 crores in 1994-95. As percentage of GDP it has accelerated from 21.6% in 1993-94 to 25.2% in 1994-95.

Setting up of Industrial Units in M.P.

2750. SHRI VISHVESHWAR BHAGAT : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the details of proposals received from the Government of Madhya Pradesh for setting up of new industrial units in the State during each of the last two years; and

(b) the time by which they are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) Two proposals each for the years 1994 and 1995 have been received under the Industries (Development & Regulation) Act from M/s. Madhya Pradesh State Agro Industries Development Corporation Ltd. and M/s.Nepa Ltd., for setting up industries in Guna, East Nimar, Raigarh and Narsinghpur districts of Madhya Pradesh for the manufacture of sugar and Newsprint. As on 30.7.96, out of the above four proposals one Letter of Intent has been granted and one proposal has been rejected.

(b) All steps are taken for speedy disposal of applications. Actual disposal of applications depends on the sectoral policy adopted by the Administrative Ministry, their recommendations in specific cases and also furnishing of relevant information by the applicants.

Industrially Backward Districts

2761. SHRI K. PRADHANI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Orissa has approached to the Union Government to declare some of its Districts as industrially backward districts under the industrial policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the decision taken by the Union Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

Foreign Investment Proposals

2762. SHRI A.C. JOS : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the number of foreign direct investment proposals approved by the Union Government from 1991 to 1996, Statewise;

(b) the total outlay involved in these proposals; and

(c) the number of proposals now pending for approval with the Union Government, Statewise?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) and (b). From August 1991 to May, 1996 total 4679 numbers of proposals were approved by Union Government with a total foreign direct investment of Rs.71058.23 crores involved in these proposals. The Statewise report for Foreign Direct Investment cases approved during this period is given in the statement attached.

(c) As on 30th June, 1996, 424 numbers of proposals for approval of foreign investment are pending for approval with the Union Government. The list of pending cases, Statewise is not centrally maintained.

STATEMENT

Statewise Report for Foreign Direct Investment Cases Approved by All Sections for the Period August 1991 to May 1996

State	Aug'91 - May'96	
	No.	Inves. (Rs. Crore)
1	2	3
Others	1476	20536.20
Delhi	365	16218.44
Maharashtra	667	10546.72
West Bengal	137	4227.21
Tamil Nadu	421	3698.93
Gujarat	202	2851.29
Karnataka	330	2828.34
Orissa	35	2653.71
Andhra Pradesh	240	1736.67
Uttar Pradesh	173	1687.47
Madhya Pradesh	75	1047.38
Punjab	54	778.83